Sad and Dreadful News from the *Strand*,

Giving an Account of a moſt Dreadful Fire which happen'd there laſt Night, and Conſum'd to Aſhes Four Perſons, with a Relation of its Beginning, and the manner of its Diſcovery, &c.

LAſt Night, or rather this Morning, between the Hours of Twelve and One, broke out a moſt Sad and Lamentable Fire at the Houſe of one Mr. *Cartwright* a *Dyer*, near the *May-Pole* in the *Strand*, over-againſt *Sommerſet-Houſe*, there were ſeveral Families Inhabiting in the Houſe beſides the *Dyer*, *viz.* a *Joyner*, *Taylor*, and ſome Gentlewomen that Waſhed *Point* and *Gawſe*, *&c.* The Fire was firſt Diſcovered by ſome Perſons that was caſually paſſing by, who knocked with all their Might at Mr. *Cartwright*'s Door; but ſeveral of the Inhabitants did not take the Alarm, before the Fire over-maſter'd them, and they became a Prey to its devouring Flames. The Maſter of the Houſe, Mr. *Cartwright*, with one more, threw themſelves out of the Window, and were caught in Blankets by ſome Perſons in the Street, and as ſome ſay, a Child was likewiſe thrown out at the ſame time, and Saved; but five or ſix others, had a more harder Fate, being, as 'tis fear'd, all Burnt. Four of them are already taken up Dead among the Rubbiſh, the others are Searching for.

As to the manner how this Fire began, it's generally ſuppos'd to be occaſion'd, by the Careleſſneſs of a Gentlewoman, who was ſmoothering of her Gawſe with Brimſtone, and left the Fire and fell a Sleep, ſuch Care was taken by the Indefaticable Induſtry of the Noble Lord *Craven*, and other Worthy Patriots, yet notwithſtanding it burnt with great Violence for the Preſent, and by Four in the Morning the Fire was Maſtered, and by Six in a manner wholly extinguiſhed, effecting in that time, no more than two Houſes, and part of the *Strand May-Pole* was Burnt.